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Serial No. : 09/334,125
Filed : June 15, 1999
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THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 3761

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February 26, 2008

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE
UNDER 37 CFR §1.313(a)

On November 30, 2007, a Notice of Allowance was issued in the referenced Application. On January 24, 2008, Applicants filed a "Request by Applicants for Interference With Patent Under 37 CFR §41.202, a copy of which, less the appended Exhibits, is attached. Based on a review of the Transaction History for the application in PAIR, it does not appear that action has been taken on Applicants' request for interference.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that the subject application be withdrawn from issue prior to the February 29, 2008 deadline for paying the Issue Fee in this application, so that the application can be timely referred for a Declaration of Interference.

As a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the withdrawal of this application from issue is necessary, Applicants point out that the above-referenced request by Applicants for

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interference is currently pending and that an earlier request by Applicants for interference was submitted by Express Mail on August 27, 2001 and is also pending. Applicants further point out that the allowed claims, were in all material respects, copied from U.S. Patent No. 5,766,159, with which interference has been requested.

As instructed in M.P.E.P. §1308 I.A., this Request is being directed to the Technology Center Director for Group Art Unit 3700 *et seq.*

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$130 (Fee Code 1464), any other required fees, any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted herewith for Deposit Account charging purposes.

Applicants respectfully request that they be notified of the disposition of this request by telephone communication to the undersigned attorney.

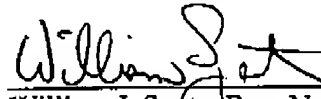
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Date of Signature**REQUEST BY APPLICANTS FOR INTERFERENCE
WITH PATENT UNDER 37 CFR §41.202**


On November 30, 2007, a Notice of Allowance was issued in the referenced Application. However, as advised in the Request for Interference filed by Applicants on August 27, 2001, the allowed claims were, in all material respects, copied from U.S. Patent No. 5,766,159. Under the circumstances, it is believed that the application should be referred for a declaration of interference, which action is respectfully requested. The attached Request although styled under 37 CFR §1.607(a) conforms in substance to 37 CFR §41.202. Expedited action on this Request is requested in view of the February 29, 2008 deadline for payment of the Issue Fee for the application.

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